



DECLARATION
and POWER OF ATTORNEY

☒ ORIGINAL
☐ CONTINUATION
☐ DIVISIONAL

As a below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed as 1 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:
BALL LOADING APPARATUS AND BALL LOADING METHOD,

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on June 23, 2000 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/602,814
and was amended on.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING Month Day Year	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
Japan	11-178578	June 24, 1999	Yes
Japan	2000-173195	June 9, 2000	Yes

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status)

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or Agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

STUART LUBITZ, Reg. No. 20,680; LOUIS A. MOK, Reg. No. 22,585; JOHN P. SCHERLACHER, Reg. No. 23,009; ALFRED A. D'ANDREA, JR., Reg. No. 27,752; WILLIAM J. KUBIDA, Reg. No. 29,664; MATTHEW BAILEY, Reg. No. 33,829; STUART T. LANGLEY, Reg. No. 33,940; E. MICHAEL BYORICK, Reg. No. 34,131; CAROL W. BURTON, Reg. No. 35,465; STEVEN C. PETERSON, Reg. No. 36,238; WILLIAM H. WRIGHT, Reg. No. 36,312; STEVEN K. BARTON, Reg. No. 36,445; STEFAN KIRCHANSKI, Reg. No. 36,568; DAVID LUBITZ, Reg. No. 38,229; WEI-NING YANG, Reg. No. 38,690; CELINE CROWSON, Reg. No. 40,357; SARAH S. O'ROURKE, Reg. No. 41,226; LAWRENCE J. McCCLURE, Reg. No. 44,228; MATTHEW G. DYOR, Reg. No. 45,278; WEI-FU HSU, Reg. No. 45,723

Send correspondence to:

Hogan & Hartson L.L.P.
500 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1900
Los Angeles, California 90071

DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:

Louis A. Mok
213-337-6700

(Please Print)

1	Name of Inventor Masao TAKEUCHI	Residence: CITY Nagano	STATE or COUNTRY Japan
	Post Office Address 2970-1, Shiga, Suwa-shi, Nagano, 392-0012, Japan		CITIZENSHIP Japanese
2	Name of Inventor Yoshiharu FUJIMORI	Residence: CITY Nagano	STATE or COUNTRY Japan
	Post Office Address 2970-1, Shiga, Suwa-shi, Nagano, 392-0012, Japan		CITIZENSHIP Japanese
3	Name of Inventor Chuji TOMITA	Residence: CITY Nagano	STATE or COUNTRY Japan
	Post Office Address 2970-1, Shiga, Suwa-shi, Nagano, 392-0012, Japan		CITIZENSHIP Japanese
4	Name of Inventor	Residence: CITY	STATE or COUNTRY
	Post Office Address		CITIZENSHIP

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 1 <i>Masao Takeuchi</i>	SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 2 <i>Yoshiharu Fujimori</i>
DATE <i>Oct. 4, 2000</i>	DATE <i>Oct. 4, 2000</i>
SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 3 <i>Chuji Tomita</i>	SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR 4
DATE <i>October 4, 2000</i>	DATE



Docket No. 82493.0002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant or Patentee: Masao TAKEUCHI et al.
Serial or Patent No.: 09/602,814
Filed or Issued: June 23, 2000
For: BALL LOADING APPARATUS AND
BALL LOADING METHOD

Group No.: Not assigned
Examiner: Not assigned

VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. 1.9(c-f) and 1.27 (b-d))

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT AND RIGHTS AS A SMALL ENTITY

I hereby state that I am:

(a) Independent Inventor

- ☐ a below-named independent inventor, and that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled ____ described in:
- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☐ Application Serial No. ____, filed ____
☐ Patent No. ____, issued ____

(b) Non-Inventor Supporting a Claim by Another

- ☐ making this statement to support a claim by ____ for a small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code. I hereby state that I should qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, if I had made the invention entitled ____ described in:
- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☐ Application Serial No. ____, filed ____
☐ Patent No. ____, issued ____

(c) Small Business Concern

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below.
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below.

NAME OF CONCERN ATHLETE FA CORPORATION
ADDRESS OF CONCERN 2970-1, Shiga, Suwa-shi, Nagano, 392-0012, Japan

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract of law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled CREAM SOLDER APPARATUS AND PRINTING METHOD THEREFOR by inventor(s) Masao TAKEUCHI, Yoshiharu FUJIMORI, Chuji TOMITA described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☒ Application Serial No. 09/602,814, filed June 23, 2000
☐ Patent No. , issued

If the right held by the above-identified small business concern is not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

(d) Non-Profit Organization

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN
ADDRESS OF CONCERN

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- ☐ University or Other Institution of Higher Education
☐ Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
☐ Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America
Name of State
Citation of Statute
☐ Would Qualify as Tax Exempt Under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3)), if located in the United States of America
☐ Would Qualify as Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Under Statute of State of the United States of America if Located in the United States of America
Name of State
Citation of Statute

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization, as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the invention entitled by inventor(s) described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☐ Application Serial No. , filed
☐ Patent No. , issued

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

II. OWNERSHIP OF INVENTION BY DECLARANT

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law remain with and/or have been conveyed to the above-identified

- ☐ individual
(item (a) or (b) above) ☒ small business concern
(item (c) above) ☐ nonprofit organization
(item (d) above)

EXCEPT, that if the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held (1) by any individual who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that individual had made the invention, (2) any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or (3) a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

- ☐ no such person, concern or organization
☐ the person, concern or organization listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 C.F.R. 1.27)

FULL NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

FULL NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
☐ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

III. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b)).

IV. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

V. SIGNATURES

(complete only (e) or (f) below)

(e) (NOTE: All inventors must sign the statement.)

Date: _____

Signature of Inventor

Date: _____

Signature of Inventor

Date: _____

Signature of Inventor

(f) (NOTE: The title of the person signing on behalf of a concern or nonprofit organization should be specified.)

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Akira Yamazaki

TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER President

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING 2970-1, Shiga, Suwa-shi, Nagano, 392-0012,
Japan

SIGNATURE Akira Yamazaki DATE OCT. 4. 2000.